



Ironhorse Desert News



Guardian Group protects division around the clock

Story by Spc. Samuel Soza

FORWARD OPERATING BASE IRONHORSE, Tikrit, Iraq—Whether the 4th Infantry Division is slumbering or carrying out its daily mission, a guardian group known as Apache keeps watch.

Pfc. Travis L. Hampton, 23, native of Merrit Island, Fla. is one of the members of Apache 14 that mans a M6 Linebacker at the base's primary entrance. Augmenting the military police, the crew from A Battery, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment acts as a first line of defense.

"We sit on the main gate and make sure nothing goes down or comes inside these walls," said Hampton, gunner for Apache 14.

Although military police guard the main gate and regulate traffic in and out, the Linebacker, a modified Bradley fighting vehicle, is present as a show of force to discourage attacks on the gate.

"Things are still serious around here," said Staff Sgt. Leonard D. Hopkins. Hopkins, a native of Sumter, S.C., is the Lineback commander for Apache 14.

Rounding out Apache 14 is Pfc. David A. Steinberg, 20, an ammunition loader from Decatur, Ala., and Pfc. Justin H. Taylor, 21, the crew's driver, who hails from Tulsa, Okla.

"It's pretty intense," said the 29-year-old



Photo by Master Sgt. Robert Cargie

Specialist Kenneth Chambers (left) and Pfc. Fernando Betancourt, members of A Battery, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, man an M6 Linebacker at the front gate of Forward Operating Base Ironhorse in Tikrit, Iraq.

Hopkins. "Sometimes there's small arms fire. One time we heard chanting. We thought (insurgents) were organizing for something."

Before being tasked with guard duty at the main gate, Apache 14 had participated in rolling patrols throughout the city of Tikrit.

Although the 12-hour shifts can become mundane, the long periods of silence allow the

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Iraqi's prepare to celebrate first free Ramadan

Story by Spc. Melissa Walther

TIKRIT, Iraq--For the first time since Saddam Hussein took power in Iraq, Muslims throughout the country will be able to celebrate the month of Ramadan in freedom.

Beginning October 26, Ramadan is characterized by daily fasting, or Swam. Faithful Muslims cannot eat, drink or smoke from sunrise until sunset every day. Charity to fellow Muslims, or Zakaat, is also a major part of the season.

According to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gil Richardson, 4th Infantry Division chaplain,

soldiers should not smoke or eat in front of Muslims.

"We're providing education to soldiers so they're more culturally aware of what is going on," Richardson said.

Fasting is supposed to cleanse the body and mind as and act as a reminder of the suffering of the poor.

Due to the fasting, businesses close during the day and only reopen after sunset when the people light bonfires and eat.

Because of this practice, curfews will be

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New complaint office welcomes free speech

Story by Spc. Bronwyn Meyer

TIKRIT, Iraq – Now that the veil of oppression that engulfed many Iraqis has been lifted, a local initiative is allowing residents of Salah Al Din province to air their problems openly.

The new Complaints Office, an arm of local law enforcement and backed by both 4th Infantry Division and local leadership, is giving residents an outlet to sound off about police officers, crime, and problems in the Salah Al Din area.

“I do not have any difficulties because the leaders support this office to succeed to solve all the problems,” said Col. Kalas Yunas, the chief of the Complaints Office.

Iraqis in the area once bombarded U.S. forces with complaints about ineffective law enforcement and heightened criminal activity. Unable to address many of the problems, the Army sought help from Iraqi Gen. Muzir, the province’s police chief, said Maj. Kathleen

Perry, 418th Civil Affairs Battalion’s civil defense team chief.

Muzir, who was aware of the problem, helped spearhead the initiative. Instead of submitting grievances to the Coalition, the residents are now able to receive help from their new local government.

The office is a critical part of the Iraqi police gaining credibility in the future, said Perry, a native of Portland, Ore. She explained that if residents are allowed to make complaints about local police, and have the problem taken care of, then the police department will earn additional respect from the community.

The aim of the office is to solve the problems of citizens who had no recourse before, Yunas said.

The office, based in Tikrit, is intent on helping people in the surrounding areas as well, and has found a way to reach out to all of the residents in Salah al Din.

Complaint boxes have been placed throughout the province. Residents who face problems can submit a complaint on paper. Once a week, the complaints are documented and dealt with on a priority basis, said Yunas.

In deference to Iraqi culture, the office of complaints hired a woman to assist female patrons, Perry



Photo by Spc. Bronwyn Meyer

Colonel Kalas Yunas, chief of the Complaints Office in Tikrit, and office assistant Intsar Jabar Hamad stand near one of several complaint boxes that have been distributed in the Salah Al Din province.

said.

“It is really difficult for women to talk to or be exposed to men who are not in their family,” she said. “It can bring shame and embarrassment to their family.”

Local women come to Intsar Jabar Hamad, an assistant at the complaint office, for help. The women can speak freely to Hamad without feeling ashamed.

“I feel very happy to help the people,” Hamad said. “The women come to me and tell me their problems.”

In fact, all residents are welcome to voice their opinions following years of silence.

“We are ready to receive all their problems,” Yunas said.

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New Kurdish border guards protecting their own

Story by Capt. Jefferson Wolfe

KHANAQUIN, Iraq – Omar Abraham Jahanger Ali lived in this town near the Iranian border for 22 years, and never even saw the crossing point.

Now, Ali, a Kurd, processes people into and out of Iraq as part of the border security trained by units from Task Force Ironhorse. The Iraqis took control of the crossing between the two countries near his hometown in late September.

During the regime of Saddam Hussein, there were no Kurds in the border patrol, Ali said. The local people were not allowed to go within one kilometer of the border. Now, the border workers here are mostly Kurdish.

“This is like a dream for me,” Ali said. “Everybody has freedom here.”

Before Coalition soldiers came to the area, when people went to the Iraqi office of border security, they were made to feel guilty, Ali said. Now, there is security, but a of different kind.

“I say, beautiful security, to keep the people, not to kill the people,” he said.

C Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery



Photo by Capt. Jefferson Wolfe

Iraqi border patrol workers examine luggage going through the border to Iran as two women also passing through the border watch.

Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, based in Fort Hood, Texas, turned the border over to the Iraqi security forces Sept. 26. The unit controls about 200 miles of the Iraq-Iran border, and there are three crossing points, said 1st Sgt. Jose Pepin, a native of Naranjito, Puerto Rico.

The battery supervised the last three training classes for the border guards, after taking over the training from the 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry Squadron.

Overseeing the training of border guards was not a mission the battery normally does, Pepin said. But, since the turnover, the border has been peaceful.

So peaceful, in fact, the Iraqi border guards, their Iranian counterparts and American soldiers are able to talk to each other across the border.

This day, they laughed and joked with each other as a group of tourists passed through. Pepin even shook hands with an Iranian border guard.

“Pepin and his unit, we must thank him,” Ali said. “They helped to build the border.”

Thanks to 4th Infantry Division soldiers, the border now has security, and a good system for processing people through the gateway.

“We have everything we want,” Ali said.

Salah Nasaf, an Iraqi, crossed the border to visit Iran for the first time in 14 years. He was planning to stay for a week or two. Such a visit was impossible when Hussein was in power, he said.

“I am free now to visit any country,” Nasaf said.

The day Nasaf crossed, about 200 people went into Iran, and about 300 came into Iraq, without any problems, Ali said.

Almost all of the travelers from Iran are headed for the Shiite holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, he said.

Travelers from Iraq used to face waits of hours or longer to cross the border, but the average amount of time for processing customers’ passports is about 25 minutes, Ali said. Now, there is always someone on duty at

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Meeting of the minds brings issues to the front

Story by Sgt. Troy Chatwin

FORWARD OPERATING BASE IRONHORSE, TIKRIT, Iraq – During the first Governors' Conference Oct. 18, Iraqi leaders of four provinces within Task Force Ironhorse had an opportunity to discuss issues affecting the northern region including additional police and security measures.

The open forum, hosted by Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, commander of Task Force Ironhorse, allowed representatives to address what matters the provinces, as well as the region, should be considering.

After reviewing the division's most recent accomplishments in civil rebuilding projects, the general opened the floor to topics of interest. At the top of everyone's list were police and security issues.

Governors from the Kirkuk and Salah Ad Din provinces feel there is a need for more police officers, and suggested the formation of special teams to respond quickly in emergency situations.

"We have a need for someone to act against riots and demonstrations," said Abdul Al Rahaman Mustafa, governor of As Tamin province.

Other issues that were discussed included pay for non-authorized police officers, the lack of police vehicles and radio equipment, as well as the shortage of sidearms for traffic officers.

Jasim Hammed Jabarah Jubutia, the governor of Salah Ad Din, told the others that he was unsuccessful in obtaining arms outside the normal state channels.

"Even the arms dealers would not sell me the weapons because they know [the weapons] would be used for the police," he said. Odierno agreed with the need to arm the police officers on the street better and has been working with the Coalition Provisional Authority to improve local police department's equipment.

"We must continue training our own police force. This is my number one issue with (the CPA) everyday," Odierno said. However, he warned, "We cannot continue to form small militias."

Odierno told the governors that provinces must first identify the number of officers needed and then place them on the payroll. Afterward, division members can better determine the amount of weapons, ammunition, vehicles and communication equipment required. Odierno told the governors he hoped to have information

on the additional equipment in the next few weeks.

The general also had shared news concerning the holy month of Ramadan and current policies regarding curfews.

To allow for normal celebration "we will eliminate the curfew for the month of Ramadan," Odierno said. "We will also reduce the number of patrols and give money to the mosques for maintenance and to help with the celebration."

He requested the assistance of the governors to ensure troublemakers do not take advantage of this gesture.

Other items the general discussed were recent accomplishments achieved within the three provinces such as significant improvements in power generation and, as many as 500 schools receiving needed supplies. Also, there are now sufficient levels of benzene, kerosene and propane available to residents for the coming winter months.

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Photo by Sgt. Troy Chatwin

Major Gen. Raymond Odierno, Commander of Task Force Ironhorse listens as Abdul Al Rahaman Mustafa, governor of Kirkuk, Iraq explains the state of affairs in his area during a governors' conference held at Forward Operating Base Ironhorse Oct. 18, 2003.



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crew to bond together, as well as evaluate personal strengths and weaknesses.

"You learn to trust people (within the crew)," Hampton said.

"You learn a lot about yourself," Taylor added.

The team doesn't take their responsibility lightly, but rather welcomes the challenge. Guarding the division's personnel and assets requires attention to detail and job awareness that has become finely honed over time.

"When you do your job everyday, you learn more about your job," Steinberg said. "You get more efficient."

The crewmembers have been deployed since April and are hoping to be able to take leave sometime in December.

Hampton and Taylor want to visit their families at home.

Steinberg, whose pregnant wife Whitney is back in Alabama, is awaiting a son due Christmas Eve. And Hopkins plans to see his wife, Jamie, and his son Leonard, Jr. at Fort Hood, Texas.

Until then, Apache 14 defends the critical line between outsiders and the soldiers it is tasked with safeguarding.

"You got to be on top of things," Hampton said.

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the crossing point.

The border is the first thing a visitor to Iraq sees, he said. By doing a good job at the border, people will feel good about coming to Iraq, he said.

"We try to change his feeling when he comes to the border," Ali said. "A good face to convey good feelings."

People now travel across the border provide an economical boost to the area.

Iranian and Iraqi trucks back up to each other along each side of a toppled fence.

Workers exchange goods from the back of one truck to the other, often by walking directly from trailer to trailer carrying boxes.

As a reminder of the past, however, the crossing area is abutted on each side by a mine field in a fenced-in strip about 200 yards wide that stretches for miles in both

directions. It was emplaced by Saddam Hussein's government. The tops of the mines still peek through the soil in many places.

Change is evident, however. A sign just inside Iraq that used to bear Hussein's image has been covered with green paint. The Kurdish border guards pay no attention to it as they continue processing people back and forth.

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Lastly, 25 water projects have been completed in the area of Taskforce Ironhorse.

These projects "are not enough to help everybody, but they will touch many," Odierno said. "To make these supplies go as far as possible, we will have to help each other with distribution and fight the black market."

Many thought the meeting productive and look forward to future opportunities that allow them to voice their concerns and offer solutions to problems that are, inherently, Iraqi.

"It is good to have a chance to be connected directly with the general," said Dr. Abdullah Rashid, the new governor of the Diyala province. "To be able to come here and get some answers makes this a very successful meeting."

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lifted for the month and money will be given to the local mosques for maintenance and to help with the celebration.

"Our goal is to provide an environment to allow Iraqis to freely observe this holy time," said Richardson.

Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, Commander of the 4th Infantry Division, ordered limiting the number of patrols in the area.

"We want to minimize our presence in deference," Richardson said.

Richardson hopes the first free Ramadan observance in decades will help establish a sense that the Coalition and the Iraqi people are working together toward a common vision of a better Iraq.



Iraqi children, soldiers open school with smiles

Story by Spc. Benjamin Kibbey

TIKRIT, Iraq – Once the ribbon had been cut and the cheering subsided, a group of Iraqis and Americans entered the Al Shagaa Primary School, just ahead of a stream of smiling young boys carrying bundles of books and backpacks as large as themselves.

As part of the ongoing efforts by Coalition forces to rebuild Iraq, the 104th Military Intelligence Battalion, part of 4th Infantry Division, chose this school as part of the division's Model School Program, an initiative that allows Task force Ironhorse units to choose schools for remodeling and oversee the contracting process.

The 104th chose this school to rehabilitate because of its dilapidated condition and the fact that it serves both boys and girls, said Capt. Samuel R. Smith, 35, a native of Baltimore, Md. and commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 104th.

The small school accommodates children from surrounding neighborhoods, holding classes for 194 boys in the morning and 180 girls in the afternoon.

The 104th used division funds dedicated to the program to hire a local firm, the Al Essa Co., to take on the task of making the school a learning-friendly environment.

The contractor was chosen over two other local companies through a competitive bidding process based on its track record and the proposal the laid out.



Photo by 1st Lt. Katina Sutton

Young boys stream into their school in Tikrit, Iraq following its official reopening Oct. 19, 2003. The 104th Military Intelligence Battalion selected the previously rundown school as a rehabilitation project as part of the Model School Program.

"It's something that was needed, and it's an investment in the Iraqi people," Smith said. "Education is very important. For years, the Iraqi people were limited on learning things about the world. Now, they're going to have Internet access, so they're going to have contact with the outside world."

Several improvements to the school have been completed thus far include a new roof and floor tiling, new plumbing and bathroom fixtures, rewiring, and new windows, doors and security bars.

"Everything but the floors and the walls changed," noted Nahedth Al Jabori, a co-owner of Al Essa.

Still more improvements are planned, Smith said.

The primary school will eventually be equipped with new units that can serve as both air conditioners and heaters, as well as books that no longer contain the propaganda of the former regime, and computers with access to the Internet.

The school is now ready to receive students, however, and so was opened before the final improvements were in place so that the learning could begin again, said Smith.

The use of Iraqi contractors represents an ongoing Coalition effort to not only build-up the Iraq's infrastructure, but to involve Iraqis in every step, thereby stimulating both the economy and a sense of pride in the community, he said.

Representatives of the construction firm concurred.

"He feels happy to start work with Coalition forces," Ahmed Matar Al Jobori said of his cousin, Nahedth, for whom he was translating. "It is a good chance to help these kids. It's good for this area, and good for these kids to be educated."

On the day of the official reopening, the new paint on the school stood out fresh and clean, and the young boys chattered and played bashful games with the soldiers of the 104th until their teachers herded them into the classrooms to begin the day's lessons.

As a final touch, a small plaque had been hung over the door to the school with a passage from the Koran, Ahmed said.

"It says basically, 'God Bless this school and whoever is inside it.' It is a normal custom here with schools and with new houses," he said.

The commander of the 104th, Lt. Col. Conrad D. Christman, 41, of Billings, Mont., said he intended on returning to the school periodically, and talked about bringing drawings and other small gifts sent by some of the soldiers' children back at home at Fort Hood, Texas.

"These children are the future of Iraq, so it's important that they learn," he said.



Local News

Religious Services at FOB Ironhorse

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. -- Protestant

11:00 a.m. -- Gospel

Noon -- LDS

1:00 -- Catholic

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. -- Prayer and Praise

7:00 p.m. -- Bible Study

Friday:

12:25 p.m. -- Muslim

7:30 p.m. -- Jewish

Vocalist Wanted

4th Infantry Division band is looking for a male vocalist with the ability to sing a wide variety of music.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Al Marroquin at 534-9871

Turkey Trot

5k Road Race will be held 0900 Nov. 27.

Sign up every Wed. and Sat, 1130-1330 at the DFAC starting Oct. 15. Deadline is Nov. 26.

Free T-shirts for the first 350 entrants.

For more information, contact Capt. Fortner at 534-7511 or 1st Lt. Noll at 530-6469.

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Weather Forecast

Monday: High: 89 F
Low: 69 F
Winds: NW 10-15 MPH
Partly Cloudy

Tuesday: High: 88 F
Low: 66 F
Winds: SW 10-15 MPH
Mostly Cloudy, Rain, Storms possible

Wednesday: High: 73 F
Low: 58 F
Winds: NW 15-20 MPH
Mostly Cloudy, Cold Front

Thursday: High: 68 F
Low: 51 F
Winds: NW 10 MPH
Partly Cloudy

Friday: High: 70 F
Low: 50 F
Winds: NW 10 MPH
Partly Cloudy

Movie Schedule

Movies at the Task Force Ironhorse Soldier's Inn are shown at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Movies listed below are for the 8:00 p.m. showing only.

27 Oct.: Anger Management
28 Oct.: Narc
29 Oct.: Happy Gilmore
30 Oct.: Old School
31 Oct.: Star Trek Nemesis
1 Nov.: All About the Benjamins
2 Nov.: A Guy Thing

Sunday's movies are shown at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. only.

Reunion/Suicide Prevention Briefs

Briefs will now be held once a week, Wednesday at 1000 in the Chapel/Movie Theater at the Soldiers Inn.

Briefs must be given before a soldier goes on mid-term leave.

Emergency individual briefings can be arranged through the chaplain's office.

Sports Bar Happenings

Monday: Country and Western
Tuesday: Football
Wednesday: Oldies but Goodies
Thursday: Variety Night
Friday: R&B
Saturday: Latin Night
Sunday: Live Football

Open Sun. - Thurs.: 2000 - 2400

Fri. - Sat.: 2000 - 0100

Christmas Mail

To ensure your letters and packages get to the States before Christmas, send them no later than:

6 Nov. Parcel Post
13 Nov. SAM Parcels
26 Nov. Parcel Airlift Mail
4 Dec. First Class Letters/Cards/Priority

If you receive insured packages that are damaged, keep all the packing material, wrappers, insurance endorsement or label and addresses.



World News

DALLAS--The formerly conjoined Ibrahim twins continued their recovery Sunday at Children's Medical Center Dallas. Both were upgraded from serious to guarded condition. It has been two weeks since the 2-year-old Egyptian twins endured a 34-hour separation surgery.

DENVER--Colorado researchers will head to Pearl Harbor next month to map the sunken remains of the USS Arizona, a national shrine and the tomb of more than 1,000 sailors and Marines.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.(AP)--Wildfires that have burned for days merged into walls of flame stretching across miles in parts of Southern California on Sunday, leaving 13 people dead, burning 650 homes and frustrating overmatched firefighters.

NEW YORK (AP)--A small, New York-based outfit called T-Ink Inc. is pioneering the use of electrically conductive ink in ordinary printing presses. This isn't about getting a shock off a printed page. Rather, it's about making electronics cheaper - at a fraction of a cent - by replacing wires, circuit boards and batteries with ink. Already in use in toys, T-Ink hopes to expand to a larger market.

LOS ANGELES--Poor fitness levels increase heart attack risk for both sexes, but women can lower their risk more dramatically than men simply by becoming physically active. A study published recently in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association* is the first to highlight the risk of inactivity for women.

Sports

NFL Standings

American Football Conference

East

New England (6-2)
Miami (4-2)
Buffalo (4-4)
NY Jets (2-5)

North

Baltimore (4-3)
Cincinnati (3-4)
Cleveland (3-5)
Pittsburgh (2-5)

South

Indianapolis (6-1)
Tennessee (6-2)
Houston (2-5)
Jacksonville (1-6)

West

Kansas City (8-0)
Denver (5-3)
Oakland (2-5)
San Diego (1-5)

National Football Conference

East

Dallas (5-2)
Philadelphia (4-3)
NY Giants (3-4)
Washington (3-4)
North
Minnesota (6-1)
Green Bay (3-4)
Chicago (2-5)
Detroit (1-6)
South
Carolina (6-1)
Tampa Bay (4-3)
New Orleans (3-5)
San Francisco (3-5)
Arizona (2-5)

NFL Sunday's Games:

St. Louis 33, Pittsburgh 21
Cincinnati 27, Seattle 24
Tampa Bay 16, Dallas 0
New England 9, Cleveland 3

Tennessee 30, Jacksonville 17
Carolina 23, New Orleans 20
Baltimore 26, Denver 6
Chicago 24, Detroit 16
NY Giants 29, Minnesota 17
Arizona 16, San Francisco 13
Philadelphia 24, NY Jets 17
Indianapolis 30, Houston 21
Kansas City 38, Buffalo 5
Miami at San Diego (Monday night)

College Football

(1) Oklahoma 34, Colorado 20
(2) Miami - idle
(3) Virginia Tech 7, West Virginia 28
(4) Georgia 16, UAB 13
(5) Florida St. 48, Wake Forest 24
(6) Ohio State 35, Indiana 6
(7) USC 43, Washington 23
(8) Purdue 3, (13) Michigan 31
(9) Washington St. 36, Oregon St. 28
(10) Northern Illinois 18, (23) Bowling Green 34
(11) Nebraska 28, Iowa St. 0
(12) LSU 31, (17) Auburn 7
(14) TCU 62, Houston 55
(15) Iowa 26, Penn St. 14
(18) Oklahoma St. 38, Texas A&M 10
(19) Texas 56, Baylor 0
(20) Wisconsin 7, Northwestern 16
(24) Utah 35, New Mexico 47
(21) Arkansas 7, Mississippi, 19
Georgia Tech 7, Maryland 3
Pittsburgh 34, Syracuse 14
Boston College 27, Notre Dame 25
Clemson 36, North Carolina 28
Minnesota 36, Illinois 10
Connecticut 38, Akron 37
Kentucky 42, Mississippi St. 17
Missouri 62, Texas Tech 31
NC State 28, Duke 21
Rutgers 30, Temple 14
Buffalo 26, Ohio 17
Delaware 21, Navy 17
Louisville 36, East Carolina 20

Ball St. 38, Toledo 14
Miami (OH) 38, Kent St. 30
Kansas St. 42, Kansas 6
Memphis 41, Tulane 9
Marshall 41, Western Michigan 21
Virginia 24, Troy St. 0
Cincinnati 33, Army 29
Tulsa 35, Southern Methodist 16
Southern Miss. 27, South Florida 6
Utah St. 49, Arkansas St. 0
Boise St. 77, San Jose St. 14
Tennessee 51, Alabama 43
Oregon 35, Stanford 0
California 42, Arizona 14
UCF 31, Cent. Michigan 13
Louisiana Tech 42, Nevada 34
LA Lafayette 31, Idaho 20
Brigham Young 27, UNLV 20
Fresno St. 31, Rice 28
North Texas 33, Middle Tenn. St. 28
South Carolina 35, Vanderbilt 24
New Mexico St. 21, LA Monroe 14
San Diego St. 25, Wyoming 20
UCLA 20, Arizona St. 13

National Hockey League

Eastern Conference Standings

(Team, W-L-T, Pt.)

Atlantic

NY Islanders (4-2-1, 9)
Philadelphia (2-1-3, 8)
New Jersey (2-3-2, 8)
NY Rangers (2-2-2, 6)
Pittsburgh (1-4-2, 4)

Northeast

Boston (5-2-2, 12)
Ottawa (5-2-0, 11)
Toronto (4-2-2, 10)
Montreal (5-3-0, 10)
Buffalo (4-4-0, 8)

Southeast

Tampa Bay (6-0-0, 12)
Atlanta (4-1-2, 11)
Florida (3-4-2, 8)
Carolina (1-2-4, 6)
Washington (1-6-1, 3)

Central

Detroit (5-3-0, 10)
St. Louis (4-2-0, 9)
Chicago (3-4-1, 7)
Nashville (3-4-0, 6)
Columbus (3-5-0, 6)

Northwest

Vancouver (4-2-1, 9)
Calgary (4-3-0, 8)
Colorado (4-3-0, 8)
Edmonton (3-5-0, 6)
Minnesota (2-6-1, 5)

Pacific

Dallas (5-4-0, 10)
Los Angeles (4-4-0, 8)
Phoenix (3-3-1, 7)
Anaheim (2-5-0, 5)
San Jose (1-4-3, 5)

NHL Scores

Sunday

Chicago 1, Anaheim 1 (OT)
Buffalo 3, Colorado 1
Phoenix 3, Vancouver 3 (OT)

NASCAR

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — A long rain delay gave NASCAR car owner Eddie Wood plenty of time to catch up with some friends.

"It's like a timeout," said Wood, co-owner of Ricky Rudd's car. "Most of the time when it rains like this, you get caught up and talk with some of your buddies you haven't seen."

The rain forced the postponement of the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 Winston Cup race Sunday after just 39 of the scheduled 325 laps. Racing was to resume at 11 a.m. Monday.

NASCAR, looking ahead to this weekend's race in Phoenix, tried to wait out the bad weather but finally was forced to push the finish back a day when heavy rain began falling again at 5:55 p.m., nearly five hours after the racing was halted.

